

## REED SMITH SHAW &amp; MCCLAY L

Writer's Direct Numbers:  
Phone 412-288-3131  
Fax 412-288-3063  
iplib@rssm.com

435 Sixth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1886  
Phone: 412-288-3131  
Fax: 412-288-3063

USPTO Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 488  
Pittsburgh, PA 15230-0488

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Johnson et al.**

Serial No.: 08/288,577

**ELECTRONIC SOURCING SYSTEM AND METHOD**

Filed: August 10, 1994

Art Unit: 2761

Examiner: Junghoon Kenneth Oh

Atty. Docket No.: 95-185

RECEIVED  
APR 14 98  
GROUP 2600  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1.  Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.

OR

In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

---

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being

**MAILED**

deposited with the United States Postal Service on April 6, 1998 with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

**FACSIMILE**

transmitted by facsimile on [date] to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Type Signature Name

Beth A. Sullivan

Beth A. Sullivan  
04/10/1998 LSNEED 00000045 08288577  
01 FC:115 110.00 DP

(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)

Harrisburg, PA      McLean, VA      Newark, NJ      New York, NY      Philadelphia, PA      Princeton, NJ      Washington, DC

REED SMITH SHAW & MCCLAY LLP

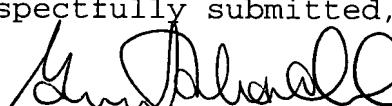
2.  Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
3.  A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.
4.  Also enclosed:
5.  No fee for extra claims is required.
6.  The fee for extra claims has been calculated as shown below:

Claims Remaining After Amendment (Col. 1)	Highest No. Prev. paid for (Col. 2)	Extra Present (Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
			RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE		
Total Claims	51	- **57	= *31	X \$ 11	= \$	<u>OR</u>	X \$ 22	= \$
Ind. Claims	10	- ***27	= *7	X \$ 41	= \$	<u>OR</u>	X \$ 82	= \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			+ \$135	= \$	<u>OR</u>	+ \$270	= \$	
			<u>TOTAL</u>	= \$	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	= \$0	

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- \*\* If the "Highest No. Prev. paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- \*\*\* If the "Highest No. Prev. paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

7.  Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$[Amount] to cover the extra claims fee.
8.  The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$[Amount] filing fee to Deposit Account No. 18-0582.
9.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0582. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached.

Respectfully submitted,




---

Gene A. Tabachnick  
Reg. No. 33,801

Dated: April 6, 1998

REED SMITH SHAW & MCCLAY LLP  
Box 488  
Pittsburgh, PA 15230  
(412) 288-3258

Attorney for Applicants